SOME POLITICAL HISTORY

ed men in Florida regarding past nolitical history, gives the following interesting review of the great Call fight of 1891, most of which is familiar to those who are interested in the outcome of that great political contest:

"Miss Jefferson Beli, who, it must he remembered by those who read her communications to the press on political topics, is part and parcel of the Broward administration, being pension clerk in the office of Comptroller Croom, in a recent article, says in substance that the Hon. Frank Clark will be returned to congress with rather an easy victory over his opponent. Mr. Parris; but intimates that he ought not to be, because Mr. Farris is sincere and Mr. Clark is not. We are not sure whether Miss Bell does not know more of Frank Clark than this article would indicate, or whether, knowing better, her vision is clouded by the dense Broward fog that envelops the lady, as she draws her salary as "pension clerk" by the grace of an administration that would be giad to see Clark defeated by Farris or anybody else.

"Whatever may be said of the popular congressman from this district. his most bitter enemy would never charge him with being an insincere man. The writer of this article has sometimes differed with Frank Clark in political matters, and at other times has agreed with him; but whether we were standing shoulder to shoulder with him as we faced an enemy, or facing him as we engaged in harp conflict, we have at all times admired the man on account of hi absolute candor, and his absolute fidelity to the cause he espoused Friend nor foe of Frank Clark, during his long and active political career in Florida, has ever had to hunt him up when an issue was pending for settle ment, or when a battle was in pros pect. In county or state convention; in caucus or conference; in state lex islative ball or in the congress of the United States-anywhere and every where-Clark has never been put in the 'doubtful' column; nor can a sin gle instance in his career be pointed out where he has ever mounted a 'band-wagon,' or before taking his stand on a public question, he ever put his ear to the ground' to discover which way the crowd was heading. No, Miss Jeffie; you son't know the man. You're too young in years and political life. Somebody has been fooling you. You're too fair to have done this on your own volition. Take advice: Be from Missouri; and the next time some 'bread and butter' hanger-on of the present administration talks to you about Frank Clark, you say, 'Show me!'

"Thinking along this line, and anent present and not voting." the appointment of W. J. Bryan to the United States senate by Broward in payment of a political debt, brings to of long ago," and to show Miss Jeffie just how insincere this man Clark is. cal history.

be elected that year, and which was

one lone republican—Senator O. B. political career of Hon. Frank Clark, smith, of St. Johns county. The nine- the representative in congress from y-nine democrats met in caucus to this district.

should be so scattered as not to make States as the youngest man who ever an election of a senator until the cau- became a senator. But he put it aside T. J. Appleyard, editor of the Lake cus had, by a two-thirds vote, nominate as the command of duty to his people City Index, and one of the best post-od a candidate for the party. With as he understood it. these two points gained, the antiCall "This high office was likewise tenpeople went into the fight determined dered to Jeff Browne, Daiton H. Yanto win. Mr. Call had sixty-three votes cey, Ben Calhoun, Dr. Gaskins, and in the caucus when the contest be- perhaps one or two more. We were gan, but he lacked three votes of the commissioned to trade with some of requisite two-thirds. Clark was a Call them. But each stood like granite man, and from the very beginning he against the temptation.

people on the floor of the house, and unknown in politics at that time, and in the caucus itself he and Senator our more recently appointed senator Dalton H. Yancey of Lake divided the was in knee-breeches. Yancey, Calhonors as the undisputed Call leaders houn, Browne, Clark. Gaskins and on the floor of the caucus. Many were others were making Florida history, the hot oratorical duels that took and writing some of its brightest pagplace on the floor when Hammond and es, before these people, who are now Dougherty measured swords with arrogating to themselves all of public Yancey and Clark. For more than six honesty and fidelity to the interests weeks-night after night-the weary of the 'pee-pul,' had been heard of."struggle went on, growing more bitter Gainesville Sun. the session of the legislature, by constitutional limitation, drew to a

lose. Mr. Call had steadily lost, on by one, until what was known as the Tall Call Column' bad your document

was to go on and on notil the I gilla ture should die, leaving the appoint ment of a senator to Governor Flour ing, who was a stalwart auti-Cell man Clark, Yancey, Browne and other aw this, and determined that there was only one way to win, and that as to adjourn the caucus sine die then go into the joint session and lect their candidate. The caucus had been held each night with open doors and as the citizenship of Tallahassee was overwhelmingly anti-Call, and the obby was packed by these outsiders very night, who cheered the anti Il forces and leared at the upporters, it was determined to clear he lobby and debate the question e djournment sine die behind clos oors, But some reason must be foun or this procedure, and Clark furnished tunintentional. ample reason. He got of Hernando, which (inalion the floor of the carcus. As

"The next night, after long hours o cated debate, the resolution exclud ng all persons from the caucus expt members, attaches and newspaer correspondents, was passed, te next night the caucus, by vote, was adjourned sine die. Then came the skipping out of fifteen senators-'the babes in the wood'-and finally the election of Senator Call by counting a quorum, President Browne saying: "Record Mr. Nelson of Sumter as |

one candidate. They were willing, at For I, the Lord, thy God, will hold thy any stage of the contest, to take any right hand, and saying unto thee, fear fair-minded, competent man. This not, I will help thee." writer knows that the entire anti-Call we shall relate some old-time politi- vote was offered to Frank Clark. He element. God, forward, upward, unknows that seven or eight of the sup- der the royal banner, uplifting instead "Back in 1890 occurred one of the porters of Call assured Clark that if of pushing down bumanity, and dishe would accept the offer of the sen- qualifying illiteracy from voting. ator's opponents, they would likewise ator Wilkinson Call was nearing the give him their support, thus insuring end of his second term in the United his election of senator for the full States senate, and the legislature to term of six years. Mr. Goode, a rep- MAY SHIP PHOSPHATE FROM CE resentative from St. Johns county. to convene in April, 1891, was to elect and an ardent supporter of Call, begged Clark to allow the use of his candidate to succeed himself, and Col. name. Others did the same thing. But W. D. Chipley of Pensacola, although the younger legislator took the posinot a candidate himself, was the un- tion that his constituents were for the disputed leader of the anti-Call forces 'old senator'-that they had not conin the state. The fight was waged un- sidered him in that connection at all By from one end of the state to and but it aside. He said that while, er points to the gulf, and will save the other. All other issues dwindled of course, he would like to be sena- the promoters thousands of dollars into insignificance beside the all-ab-tor, yet he felt that he was there to annually in freight charges. sorbing question of the senatorial suc- represent the wishes of his people and not to gratify his own political "When the legislature of 1891 con- aspirations, and with that view of the Lumber Company of Jacksonville, L. Burnal services. wed, it was organized by the Call case he felt that he could not with R. Chazal, superintendent of the phosces, with Hon. Jeff B. Browne of honor accept the senatorship. The phate department, and W. R. Steckert. Key West as president of the senate writer was there; he was an anti-Call land commissioner of the Cummer and Hon. John L. Gaskins of Starke man; was close to and in the confias speaker of the house of representa. dence of the leaders, and knows that dives. Frank Clark, then not ten days the facts herein stated are true. What dar Keys. These gentlemen will proover thirty-one years of age, was a a temptation! If Clark had accepted ceed from Cedar Keys up the Suwanrepresentative from Polk county, was he would have been senator at the nee river to take soundings with a Rhode Island Reds made chairman of the house judiciary early age of thirty-one years and two view of ascertaining the feasibility of committee, which position he filled months, and his would have been an transporting phosphate from the with great ability. Hon. D. H. Yancey election by a legislature for a full mines of the west end down the river, held this position in the senate, and six-year term, and not by the appointthe editor of the Index, an open and ment of a partisan governor in payavowed Chipley man, was his clerk, ment of a political debt. There can d this position gave him an oppor, be found in the career of no man any tw to know what he is now writ- stronger proof of perfect sincerity also necessitate the building of a railmg about. The legislature was com. and unfaltering loyalty to duty than posed of ninety-nine democrats and is furnished by this occurrence in the

nominate a candidate of the party for "Can the fair young writer whose giving the railroad companies a long United States senator. The anti-Call political writings we have endeavored haul and necessitating enormous lorces, led by some of the strongest to correct, point to a single 'states- freight charges. nen and most skillful leaders that man' in the Broward clans that ever A careful investigation will be wer lived in Florida-notably among turned his back upon a high office and made, and, if practical, this mode of show were Judge Joseph B. Wall of stood by the wishes of his constitut moving the products of the Cummer Hillsborough, Hon. Ed M. Hammond ents, as Frank Clark did in this no- mines will be established. It will f Orange, Hon. Joseph F. Baya of Co- table period in the history of Florida? open up a new line of industry along umbia, Hon. Robert F. Rogers of Su- Not much. They are not made that the Suwannee which is bound to prove Tannee, Hon. Fred T. Myers of Leon, way. We do not claim that Mr. Clark of benefit to a large number of peond others-outgeneraled the Call peo- was the only one of Mr. Call's loyal ple.-Gainesville Cor. in Times-Union. in the caucus by passing a resolu- fifty-two supporters who could have ion in the caucus adopting the two- had the senatorship at the time. He Dr. H. G. Spooner of Lake Weir was hirds rule, and providing that in the could have had it, and could thus have among the Ocala Banner's pleasant oint session each day the votes entered the senate of the United callers Saturday.

was the recognized leader of the Call "The Broward clans of today were

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John 4:19.

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and the rag-tail end of a crowd, who

We are victorious, and eternity will tell bow many good votes we did poll. Glory, glory hallelujah, "Ocala's go

"The angel of the Lord encampeth around about them that fear him, and delivereth them." Psa. 34:7.

"Fear not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help "The anti-Call forces, during all of thee: yea. I will uphold thee with this long, weary, bitter fight, had no the right hand of my righteousness.

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